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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 June 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: “derivation-expected paths” in line 17 is presumed to be a misspelling of “deviation-expected paths”. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Namely, claim 1 recites that “deviation-expected paths are precalculated without a determination of a likelihood that the mobile object will deviate from the navigation path at the arbitrary places”, however, the very definition of deviation-expected implies a determination of a likelihood or expectation that the mobile object will deviate at that particular point. Claims 2-5 and 7-11 are rejected for being dependent on claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ito et al. (6,249,740).

As to claim 1, Ito shows a navigation system that has a transceiver 108, a display unit 106, an input unit 105, and an ECU 101. Ito's system requests an optimum path or shortcut path data (col 11, line 38 – 41) over a wireless network (Fig. 1). Said path data includes deviation-expected paths (col 22, line 20 – 28) calculated from a plurality of deviation points (col 25, line 3 – 5), without a determination of a likelihood that the mobile object will deviate from the navigation path at the arbitrary places (col 38, line 61 – col 39, line 16).

As to claim 2, Ito further shows a device for measuring the current position of the vehicle 104.

As to claim 3, Ito further shows both a video display 106, and a voice output unit 107.

As to claim 4, Ito further shows the ECU determining whether any of the deviation expected paths includes the current position (col 25, line 52 – 55).

As to claim 5, Ito further shows a memory 103 that stores all data and can transmit to any component of the system.

As to claim 7, Ito further shows a method for navigating a mobile object (col 2, line 63) traveling from a departure point and destination (col 11, line 40 – 41), comprising the steps of transmitting a signal 108 requesting a path data from departure point to destination, receiving path data via a wireless network (Fig. 1), displaying 106 navigation path from path data, precalculating deviation expected path data (col 22, line 20 – 28), selecting revised path data among deviation expected path data in case mobile object deviates from navigation path (col 22, line 16 – 22), and displaying revised navigation path (col 22, line 3).

As to claim 8, Ito further shows detecting the present position of the mobile object 104.

As to claim 9, Ito further shows that both navigation path and revised path can be outputted in either audio 107, or video 106.

As to claim 10, Ito further shows that the revised path is selected by determining which of the deviation path includes the present position (col 25, line

52 – 55).

As to claim 11, Ito further shows that all path data is stored in a memory
103.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5 and 7-11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NICHOLAS KISWANTO whose telephone number is (571)270-3269. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9AM - 6PM, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Khoi Tran can be reached on (571) 272-6919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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